



# Farmingdale School District

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**DATE:** April 14, 2021

**KIND OF MEETING:** Board Meeting/Adopt Budget for Voter Approval

**PLACE:** Virtual Meeting: [www.farmingdaleschools.org](http://www.farmingdaleschools.org)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Goldberg, Mr. Espinosa, Mr. Giordano, Mrs. Lively, Mr. Morales, Mrs. Soete

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. D'Amico

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Defendini, Dr. Ripley, Mr. Zakian, Dr. Brennan, Dr. Olsen, Mr. Motisi, Richard Guercio, Esq., (Executive Session Only), Reesa Miles, Esq., Mrs. Rogers

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Goldberg, President of the Board of Education. In accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order related to temporary modifications to Public Officers Law, the meeting was conducted in a virtual format to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of our important work. The Board meeting notice indicated that access to the meeting would be posted on the district's website at [www.farmingdaleschools.org](http://www.farmingdaleschools.org) and a live feed would be available on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).

**Executive Session**

Motion made by Mr. Espinosa, seconded by Mrs. Soete, to meet in executive session to discuss specific personnel matters in accordance with Open Meetings Law. Motion carried. 6-0

Meeting recessed for executive session at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened in public session at 8:00 p.m. Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting with the following statement:

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 (and subsequent orders closing District schools) issued by the Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, signed March 12, 2020, and due to the concerns of the Board of Education for the Health and Safety of the community emanating from the current COVID-19 pandemic, there would be no in-person public access to the board meeting and instead the meeting would be live streamed and recorded. Access to the live stream could be had by accessing the school district's website for a link that will bring you to a youtube site and the recording of the meeting can be accessed on [www.farmingdaleschools.org](http://www.farmingdaleschools.org). In addition, the public participation portion of the meeting was suspended by board resolution.

**Motion to Suspend**

**Public Participation**

On a motion made by Mrs. Lively, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, pursuant to the aforementioned Executive Order, the Board suspended the public participation portion of the meeting and therefore, accordingly, there would be no public participation at this Board meeting.

Motion carried 6-0

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Goldberg continued, stating that the Board of Education was interested in encouraging members of the public to share their ideas, comments and questions. Feedback and questions should be directed to the Board's email account at boe@farmingdaleschools.org. Questions and comments would be responded to by members of the central administrative team and would be publicly reviewed at the next regular Board meeting. Mr. Goldberg thanked everyone for their anticipated courtesy and cooperation. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Superintendent's Update**

**Superintendent's Monthly Update**

Board President Michael Goldberg introduced Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini and asked for his monthly update. Mr. Defendini began his monthly update with the good news that students were returning to the classrooms for live instruction. During the first full week after the Spring recess, classes resumed in-person. Homecoming and the Pep Rally were celebrated. Year-end activities are being planned. The 2020 and 2021 Wall of Fame ceremonies will take place on May 26 in the Howitt courtyard. The district is waiting for information from the State Education Department on the Regents exams and schedules. Mr. Defendini reported on the district's ability to serve as a host vaccination site. Over 300 people received their vaccinations at the Farmingdale High School gymnasium through a partnership with Walgreens.

As a reminder, due to the snow events this past winter, school will be in session on Thursday, May 27 and Friday, May 28. Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 will remain a holiday with schools closed.

**Budget Presentation- Michael Motisi**

Superintendent Defendini began this week's budget presentation with the announcement that the proposed 2021-2022 school budget will continue to provide a fully array of opportunities for our students and will keep intact those program elements that make us who we are. Some reductions were made throughout the budget, but there were no reductions in essential student services. Mr. Defendini also noted that during the budget development, administration was also focused on maintaining a reasonable tax levy increase for our residents. Mr. Defendini introduced Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Michael Motisi and asked for his budget update.

Mr. Motisi's presentation focused on the information received from both the state and the federal government as related to increases in aid and in grant funding opportunities. Mr. Motisi spoke of the three-year phase in of foundation aid, a formula based category which uses district wealth, numbers of students, valuation of housing, property values to determine aid levels. It is anticipated that if fully implemented, Farmingdale would receive \$8 million over the next three years. This year, the district received an addition \$2.4 million in state aid, with \$2.2 million in foundation aid

funding. This funding is allocated to the general fund and does not have any specific intended use embedded in the legislation. The district plans to use this funding to offset the expenses incurred during the past year due to the COVID pandemic and associated unfunded mandates associated with the increased costs in remote/virtual program delivery, cleaning, screening purchases and so on.

Mr. Motisi stated that there is a new property tax relief credit included in the legislation, which will provide between \$250 and \$350 in tax credits based on income level and the cost of property taxes as a percentage of household income. Mr. Motisi noted that the proposed changes to the STAR program were rejected. He noted that there may be changes to funding of the Universal Pre-K program, which will not impact Farmingdale's program. He also spoke to legislation related to internet access for students, which he believes is geared towards service providers.

Mr. Motisi also provided an overview of the federal funding programs. The first, the ARPA, American Rescue Plan Act, provides for a 20% increase in IDEA/Title 1 funding. The funding will be used for one time expenditures related to learning loss due to the COVID pandemic and shutdown.

The second federal program is part of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) and is two separate legislative acts. The first provided for \$450,000 in funding for technology purchases in response to COVID. The second program (ESSER II) will provide approximately \$5 million that must be used toward preventing, preparing and responding to COVID-19. Acceptable uses of these funds include addressing learning loss, testing, preparing and updating the physical plant (i.e. air quality projects). It is anticipated that there will be an opportunity for public input and/or a public hearing. More information is anticipated. Mr. Motisi reviewed the updated revenue budget, which included the aforementioned reduction in the use of fund balance due to the increases in foundation aid. He reviewed the expenditure / cost element summary and the total budget-to-budget increase of 1.06% and the tax levy increase of 1.51%. Mr. Motisi noted that the average Nassau County tax levy increase was 1.75%.

Mr. Goldberg thanked Mr. Motisi and the Business Office staff for their work in pulling together the budget.

Board of Education Minutes

Board of Education - Executive Session - Jan 27, 2021 6:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

Board of Education - Special Meeting - Feb 11, 2021 8:30 AM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

Board of Education - Executive Session - Mar 1, 2021 6:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

Board of Education - Executive Session - Mar 2, 2021 6:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

Board of Education - Board Meeting - Mar 3, 2021 8:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

Board of Education - Budget Workshop - Mar 17, 2021 8:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

Board of Education - Executive Session - Mar 23, 2021 8:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony Giordano, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

Board of Education - Budget Workshop/Public Input - Mar 24, 2021 8:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

**Board  
Correspondence**

Board President Michael Goldberg asked the District Clerk if there had been any correspondence this month. Mrs. Rogers reported that the Board received an email from a resident with budget development questions, a parent letter asking for support for a waiver from state testing, a parent letter regarding their child's Special Education services, a retiree letter, a letter regarding grading policies, several emails regarding a return to in-person public meetings and several parent emails regarding access to athletic events by visiting team families.

**Board  
Committee  
Reports**

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for Board Committee reports. Mrs. Lively reported on the Farmingdale Youth Council. The next meeting was scheduled for April 27. The Youth Council hopes to run a modified summer recreation program. She emphasized that the programs are dependent on the passing of the school district budget. Mrs. Lively reported that the budget for the Youth Council would be proposed at the forthcoming meeting and would be on the ballot on May 18 for voter approval.

Mrs. Lively also reported on the activities of the PTA units throughout Farmingdale. She stated that there is a review of the units by laws and that new slates of officers would be voted on for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mrs. Lively also reported on the Policy Committee, the Wellness Committee and the Districtwide Safety Committee meetings. Policies reviewed were on the agenda for discussion this evening; Mrs. Lively spoke about the Wellness/STEAM event that would take place on April 22. Mrs. Soete noted that the Wellness Website was extraordinary. Mrs. Lively also spoke of the activities of the Chamber of Commerce and noted the shredding event scheduled for June 5 at the Farmingdale Public Library from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Espinosa reported on the Farmingdale Public Library Board of Trustees meeting. The library would be lifting restrictions and patrons would be able to stay longer than 30 minutes. Computer access was still limited. The library plans for programs this summer.

Mr. Espinosa reported on the Republic Airport Commission's latest meeting. There will be an airshow this Memorial Day weekend; some of the aircraft would be at Republic and larger planes would be at MacArthur Airport. Mr. Espinosa noted that an episode of Billions would be filming at the airport in the coming weeks.

Mr. Espinosa and Mrs. Lively both spoke of the recent "LegCon", an event that included school district officials, PTA representatives, Regent members and elected officials. Mrs. Lively stated that the combination of this event and the work of the Legislative Action Committee was getting the message to Albany of the work we do and the offerings we provide for students.

Mr. Goldberg reported on the ceremony that honored athletic trainers from Farmingdale and East Meadow whose efforts saved the life of a referee at a recent football game.

**Consideration of Consent Agenda:**

Motion made by Mrs. Lively, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, that the Consent Agenda consisting of Items I (a-l), II (a-h), and III (a-d) be approved as a whole with action recorded separately.

**Business Report**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

*Acceptance for File of Financial Reports*

**Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report - February 2021** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2021 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with Board Policy 6600.

**Acceptance of the Extra Curricular Report - February 2021** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Extra Curricular Report for Farmingdale High School, Weldon E. Howitt Middle School, Albany Avenue Elementary School, Northside Elementary School, Saltzman East Memorial Elementary School and Woodward Parkway Elementary School for the month of February 2021 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

**Acceptance of the Claims Auditor Report - February 2021** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Claims Auditor Report for the month of February 2021 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with Board Policy 6600.

**Acceptance of the Revenue and Expenditure Report - February 2021** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of February 2021 pursuant to the authority contained in 170.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with Board Policy 6600.

*Approval of Contracts and Agreements*

**Approval of Health & Welfare Services Agreements for Resident Students Attending Non Public Schools Outside of the District for the 2020/21 School Year (Garden City, Smithtown & South Huntington)**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the Health & Welfare Services Agreements with the following school districts for resident students attending non-public schools outside of the district for the 2020/21 school year, and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreements:

(Garden City, Smithtown & South Huntington)

**Approval to Participate in the Nassau BOCES Consortium & Approval of Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement with Nassau BOCES for the 2021/22 School Year**

WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”) for pupil transportation services for the 2021-22 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the Farmingdale Union Free School District is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the School District to participate in the Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement (Recitals) attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

**Approval of an Agreement and a Business Associate Agreement for Compliance with the HIPAA Act of 1996 with Long Island**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a Service Agreement and a Business Associate Agreement for compliance with the HIPAA Act of 1996 between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and Long Island Athletic Services, Inc., to provide athletic trainer services for the 2021/22 school year, and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreements.

**Athletic  
Services to  
Provide  
Athletic  
Trainer  
Services for  
the 2021/22  
School Year**

**Approval of  
Contract #37  
with Nassau  
BOCES**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the attached contract with Nassau BOCES.

**Approval of a  
Revocable  
Permit and  
Agreement  
with SUNY  
Farmingdale  
for Non-  
Commercial  
Use of  
University  
Facilities (Off-  
Site  
Emergency  
Shelter)**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a revocable permit and agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and SUNY Farmingdale for non-commercial use of university facilities (off-site emergency shelter) effective February 5, 2021 and terminate June 30, 2021, and that the Board President be authorized to sign the appropriate agreement.

**Approval of  
an Agreement  
with Nassau  
BOCES for a  
Regional  
Summer  
School  
Program -  
Summer 2021**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve an agreement with Nassau BOCES for the purpose of providing a Regional Summer School Program for the summer of 2021 and to authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

**Approval of a  
Discovery  
Education  
Order Form  
for Grades 7  
& 8 Social  
Studies and  
Terms &  
Conditions**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve a Discovery Education Order Form for Grades 7 & 8 Social Studies and Terms and Conditions and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

**Approval of  
an Agreement  
and**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve an agreement and addendum with East Meadow Driving School for the purpose of



**Addendum  
with East  
Meadow  
Driving School  
for 2021-2022**

providing a driver's education program during the 2021-2022 school year and to authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

**Approval of  
Special  
Education and  
General  
Education  
Contracts for  
the 2020-2021  
School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contracts for Special Education and General Education services for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contracts.

ACHIEVE BEYOND  
EDEN II PROGRAMS, GENESIS SCHOOL  
OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Approval of a  
Special  
Education and  
General  
Education  
Contract for  
the 2019-2020  
School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contract for Special Education and General Education services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contract.

ST. JOSEPH'S ADDICTION TREATMENT & RECOVERY CENTER

**Acceptance of  
a Donation to  
the Murray  
Cantor  
Memorial  
Scholarship  
Fund**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept, and thank Howard & Cheryl Blumberg and the Murray & Laura Cantor Revocable Trust for a monetary donation to the Murray Cantor Memorial Scholarship Fund.

**Acceptance of  
a Donation to  
the 81  
Dalergirls  
Scholarship  
Fund**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank Cathleen Ellsworth and Kristine Holmes for a monetary donation to the 81 Dalergirls Scholarship Fund.

**Acceptance of  
a Donation to  
the Andres F.  
Romay  
Memorial  
Scholarship  
Fund**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank Andres & Mariana Romay, James & AnnMarie Murphy, Anthony & Mary Ventimiglia, Brian & Vania Deeney, Jessica Ventimiglia & Paul Pflaiderer, Wilson & Luz Domenech, Roberto & Maria Masson, Frank & Monika Apadula, Allyson & Mark Gross, Martha Graham, Thomas Palkovich, Jaclyn Todd, Juan Jose Gilbert-Fernandez, Brian Neiheisel, Michael & Jennifer Cahill, Raymond Madrazo, Lawrence Baronciani, and Ana Maria Romay for a monetary donation to the Andres F. Romay Memorial Scholarship Fund.

<b>Acceptance of a Donation to the Achievement in the Face of Adversity Scholarship Fund</b>	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank Mrs. Haijin Cho-Brellis for a monetary donation to the Achievement in the Face of Adversity Scholarship Fund.
<b>Approval of Award of Bid - Rubbish Removal</b>	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the <b>AWARD OF BID for RUBBISH REMOVAL</b> to <b>WESTBURY PAPER STOCK CORPORATION</b> , this company being the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications at the bid opening on <b>FEBRUARY 11, 2021</b> .  Farmingdale Union Free School District has the right to withdraw the award if it is not in the best interest of the Farmingdale Union Free School District.
<b>Acceptance of Funds and Increase the 2020/21 Budget for Lifeguard Certification from the American Red Cross</b>	WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accepts \$1,800 for the purpose of providing lifeguard certification to students from the American Red Cross.  BE IT RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District will increase the 2020/21 budget in accordance with the fees collected.
<b>Acceptance of Funds and Increase the 2020/21 Budget for the Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA)</b>	WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accepts \$75 for the purpose of student participation in the Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA).  BE IT RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District will increase the 2020/21 budget in accordance with the fees collected.
<b>Approval of Transfer of Funds - April 2021</b>	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a schedule of transfer of funds for the purposes noted.
<b>Approval of Declaration of Obsolete Equipment - April 2021</b>	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education declare the attached items as obsolete and disposed of in accordance with Board Policy 6900.

**Approval of Change Order #2 with Norberto Construction, Inc. for a Portable ADA Lift at the Aquatic Center at Howitt Middle School** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept Change Order #2 to Norberto Construction, Inc. for a Portable ADA Lift at the Aquatic Center at Howitt Middle School.

This change order has been agreed to by the district's architect and contractor at our request.

Change Order #2  
Additional \$1,274.40

**Items for Action**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

**Approval of Policy #0101, Gender Neutral Restrooms** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt Policy #0101, Gender Neutral Restrooms in accordance with Board Policy 2410.

**Approval of Policy #5100, Attendance** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt Policy # 5100, Attendance, in accordance with Board Policy 2410.

**Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA Clerical/Custodial Unit Regarding Summer Work Schedules** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Farmingdale UFSD CSEA Clerical/Custodial Unit regarding an extension to the summer work schedules for the 2020/21 school year, and that the Board President is hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

**Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA Teacher Aides and School Monitors** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free Board of Education and the CSEA Teacher Aides and School Monitors Unit dated March 2, 2021, and that the Board President be hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

**Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Farmingdale UFSD CSEA

**the CSEA  
Clerical/Custodial  
Unit Regarding  
the 2021-2022  
Holiday Schedule**

Clerical/Custodial Unit regarding the 2021-2022 Holiday Schedule and that the Board President is hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

**Appointment  
of a School  
Medical  
Inspector  
Pursuant to  
Section 913 of  
Education  
Law and  
Approval of a  
Section 913  
Medical  
Examination  
of the  
Employees  
Named in  
Executive  
Session**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Michael Schwartz as school medical inspector pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law in order to evaluate the fitness of the employees named in Executive Session to perform his/her duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law, the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education directs the employees named in Executive Session to appear for a medical examination in the office of Dr. Michael Schwartz at a date and time to be scheduled.

**Approval of  
Declaration of  
Obsolete  
Library Books**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education declare a schedule of library books obsolete and disposed of in accordance with Board Policy 6900.

**Authorization  
for the Board  
President to  
send a  
Certified  
Letter to a  
Resident  
Named in  
Executive  
Session**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Board of Education authorize the Board President to send a certified letter on behalf of the Board of Education to a resident named in Executive Session.

**Superintendent's Report**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

**Instructional:  
Tenure  
Recommendations  
/ Administrative  
(Correction to  
Tenure Dates)** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District place a staff member on tenure in accordance with Education Law of the State of New York and Board Policy 9251. In recommending tenure, the Superintendent has based his decision on the record of performance of the staff member during the probationary period as reported by the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration, the Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Organizational Development, the Assistants to the Superintendent and others in supervisory positions. Tenure becomes effective on the date noted heron contingent upon continued satisfactory performance in the job until said date tenure become effective.

**Instructional:  
Resignations  
for the  
Purpose of  
Retirement** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement", effective on the dates noted hereon and to adopt the corresponding retirement resolutions.

**Instructional:  
Resignations** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Resignations," effective on the dates noted hereon and for the reasons stated.

**Instructional:  
Leaves of  
Absence 2020 /  
2021** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Leaves of Absence 2020 / 2021", effective for the dates noted hereon and for the reason stated.

**Instructional:  
Appointment /  
Return from  
Leave of  
Absence** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve an instructional personnel action: "Appointment / Return from Leave of Absence" in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Instructional:  
Acknowledge  
with Thanks  
Regular  
Substitute  
Service** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District acknowledges with thanks and appreciation the service of the named teacher who held a regular substitute appointment during the 2020-2021 school year.

**Instructional:  
Appointment  
Regular  
Substitute /  
2020-2021** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve an instructional personnel action: "Appointment Regular Substitute / 2020-2021", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Instructional:  
Appointments  
/ Part Time  
Positions 2020-  
2021** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Appointments / Part-time Positions 2020-2021", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget. Part time positions are annual appointments.

**Instructional:  
Appointment /  
School  
Business  
Administrator** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve an administrative personnel action: "Appointment / School Business Administrator" in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Instructional:  
Appointments  
/ High School  
Special  
Education  
Planning for  
Grading and  
Assessing  
Alternatively  
Assessed  
Students  
Committee** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School district accept a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Appointments / High School Special Education Planning for Grading and Assessing Alternatively Assessed Students Committee." Stipends are contingent upon completion of assignment.

**Instructional:  
Appointment  
of Extended  
School Year  
Principal** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve the appointment of the named individual as Principal of the Farmingdale Extended School Year Program for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon a passed budget.

**Instructional:  
Appointment /  
Driver  
Education  
Program** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approves the appointment of Steve Messina as Supervisor of the 2021 Summer Driver Education Program. Salary will be on a per diem basis in accordance with the regulation of the Teachers' contract and the summer school schedule.

**Instructional:  
Appointments  
/Summer  
Driver  
Education  
Teachers** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve the appointments of Kyle Matura and Jeff Rysanek to the 2021 Summer Driver Education program. Salary will be on a per diem basis in accordance with the regulation of the Teachers' contract and the summer school salary schedule, not to exceed 18 days.

**Instructional:  
Coaching and  
Extra** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Coaching and Extra Curricular

**Curricular Appointments** Appointments", in accordance with Board Policy 5200. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget. Stipends are contingent upon completion of assignments.

**Instructional: Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Teachers** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of On-Call, Per Diem Substitute Teachers", subject to termination at any time.

*Personnel Items -- Non-Instructional*

**Non-Instructional: Confirmation of Article 15 Ordinary Disability Retirement / CSEA** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept a non-instructional personnel action: "Confirmation of Article 15 Ordinary Disability Retirement / CSEA", effective on the date noted hereon.

**Non-Instructional: Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement / CSEA** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept a schedule for non-instructional personnel action: "Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement / CSEA", effective on the date noted hereon.

**Non-Instructional: Resignation / CSEA** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept a non-instructional personnel action: "Resignation / CSEA", effective on the date noted hereon and for the reason stated.

**Non-Instructional: Leaves of Absence / CSEA** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Leaves of Absence/ CSEA" in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations.

**Non-Instructional: Appointment / CSEA DWO** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment / CSEA DWO", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Non-Instructional:** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept a non-

<b>Resignation / TASM</b>	instructional personnel action: "Resignation / TASM" effective on the date noted hereon and for the reason stated.
<b>Non-Instructional: Appointments / TASM</b>	RESOLVED, that upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointments / TASM", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.
<b>Non-Instructional: Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement / Food Service</b>	RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept a non-instructional personnel action: "Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement / Food Service", effective on the date noted hereon.
<b>Non-instructional: Appointments/ On-Call, Per Diem Substitute Cleaners</b>	RESOLVED, that upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointments / On Call, Per Diem Substitute Cleaners", subject to termination at any time.
<b>Non-instructional: Appointments / On-Call, Per Diem Substitute School Monitors</b>	RESOLVED, that upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointments / On-Call, Per Diem Substitute School Monitors", subject to termination at any time.
<b>Non-instructional: Appointment / On-Call, Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aides</b>	RESOLVED, that upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointments / On-Call, Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aides", subject to termination at any time.
<b>Non-instructional: Appointment / On Call, Per Diem Seasonal Typist Clerks</b>	RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Seasonal Typist Clerks", subject to termination at any time.



**Approval of the Committee on Special Education Placements Report and Acceptance for File of Said Report** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve and accept for file the Committee on Special Education Placements Report by the Director of Special Education dated March 14, 2021, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

**Approval of the Committee on Preschool Special Education Placements Report and Acceptance for File of Said Report** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve and accept for file the Committee on Preschool Special Education Placements Report by the Director of Special Education dated March 14, 2021, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

**Items for Discussion and Action**

**Approval of the Property Tax Report Card for the 2021/22 School Year** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the attached New York State Property Tax Report Card for the 2021/22 school year in accordance with Education Law Section 1716(7).  
Discussion:  
Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Michael Motisi explained that the Property Tax Report Card is transmitted to the State Education Department each year. Information includes elements of the calculations for the tax levy, fund balance and reserve amounts as of the end of March and projected reserve amounts on June 30, 2021.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

**Adoption of the Proposed 2021/22 Budget for Voter Approval** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the proposed school budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$175,030,683, subject to voter approval.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
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<b>Adoption of the Amended Proposed 2021/22 Budget for Voter Approval</b>	Motion made by Mrs. Lively, seconded by Mr. Espinosa to adopt the amended proposed school budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$174,915,558, subject to voter approval.  Discussion: Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Michael Motisi stated that this is the budget figure that was presented in the Property Tax Report Card. It is a 1.06% increase in the budget from 2020-2021 to 2021-2022, with a projected tax levy increase of 1.51%.
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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

<b>Acceptance of the Agreed Upon Procedures Audit Report &amp; Corrective Action Plan for the 2020/21 School Year</b>	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept the Agreed Upon Procedures Audit Report related to the various processes and procedures of the district's benefits administration, facilities department, and capital project accounting and administration areas completed in the 2020/21 school year and to approve the Corrective Action Plan related to the Agreed Upon Procedures Audit Report.  Discussion: Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Michael Motisi reported that this was the first of two audits performed by the district's internal auditors, Cullen & Danowski. There were two findings in the Agreed Upon Procedures audit that will be implemented. Don Hoffmann, Partner for Cullen & Danowski, will report on both this audit and the risk assessment at a future board meeting.
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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, Soete
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico

### Items For Discussion

<b>Draft Policy #5152, Admission of Non-Resident Students</b>	Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration Glen Zakian introduced Policy No. 5152 "Admission of Non-Resident Students." This policy addresses accommodations for attendance for students who move out of the district during the course of the school year. The policy allows the student to complete the semester, even if they are no longer residents of the district. The policy updates the language to include "trimester" time periods that are part of the elementary program.
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**RESULT:**

**DISCUSSED**

**Draft Policy  
and  
Regulation  
#5151,  
Homeless  
Children**

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration Glen Zakian introduced Policy No. 5151, "Homeless Children." Policy updates include the substitution of pronouns to gender neutral language. Additional language changes include updating "shall" to "will" and "must" to "is directed to". The policy changes clarify school choice for displaced students, focusing on what is best for the child while maintaining prior enrollments and/or parental choice. Finally, the policy removes barriers to participation in extra-curricular and/or summer school for unaccompanied youth.

**RESULT:**

**DISCUSSED**

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Mrs. Lively, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk